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Sir:

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed May 24, 2007, the due date for response to which is August 24, 2007. Applicants do not believe any fees are due; however, in the event this is not the case, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth in the amendments below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.